

WHEN GOD'S PATIENCE RUNS OUT



- Zephaniah Chapter 2 is of a different character than Chapter 1
- Before wrath, God urges repentance
- It is God's covenants where the terms and conditions that bring blessings or curses are listed
- The Father is patient, but eventually that patience ends
- The covenant terms have been knowable for 3000 years

God warns the nations through Hebrew Prophets



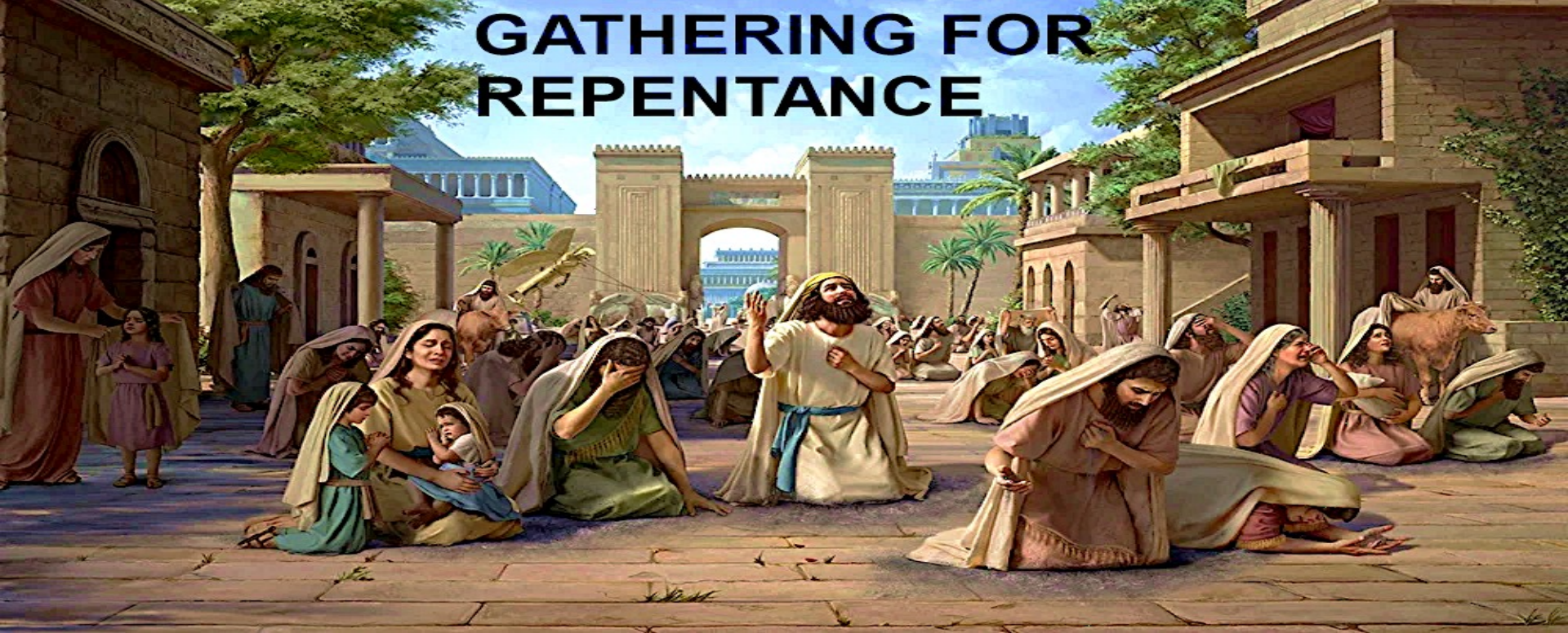
- Chapter 2 implies that the destruction of the nations is an aftereffect of what happens to Judah
- Zephaniah 2:1
- **Goy** = nation (singular), automatically means gentiles
- God is calling His people “Gentile Judah”, because they are a “nation not desired” as they are unfaithful
- **Qoshesh** = related to **qash**, gathering stubble

BURN STUBBLE, BLOW AWAY CHAFF

- Zephaniah 2:2
- Wrath only begins on earth after a Prophet speaks the prophecy to people
- God makes time for repentance, but there is a point of no return
- 2 metaphors for destruction:
1) stubble for burning, and
2) chaff for being blown away
- Reason for this destruction:
These things are worthless

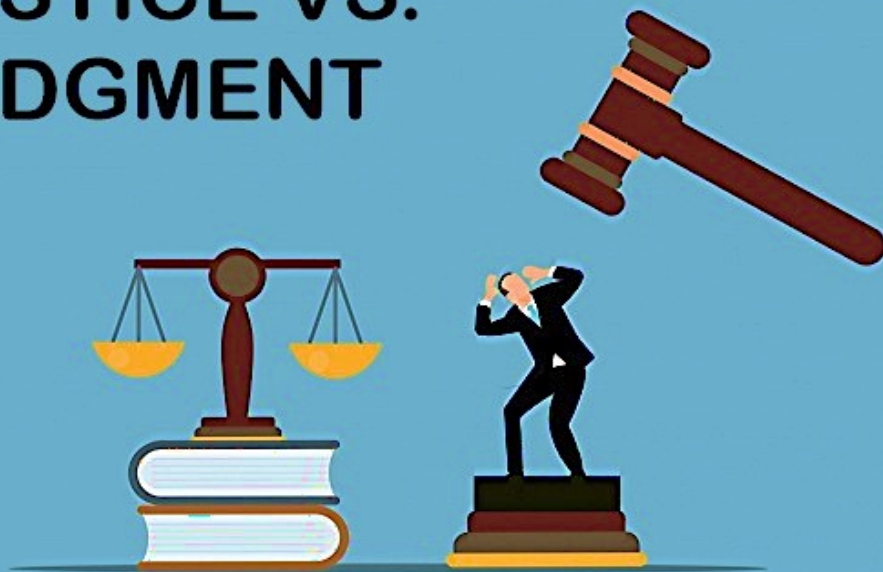


GATHERING FOR REPENTANCE



- Day of Yehoveh's Anger = Judgment Day
- "Before Yehoveh's anger comes on you on Judgment Day"
- Vs. 3 Completes the thought begun at vs. 1
- "Seek YHWH" meant to oppose chapter 1:6, "those who have turned away..."
- James 1:22 - 25

JUSTICE VS. JUDGMENT

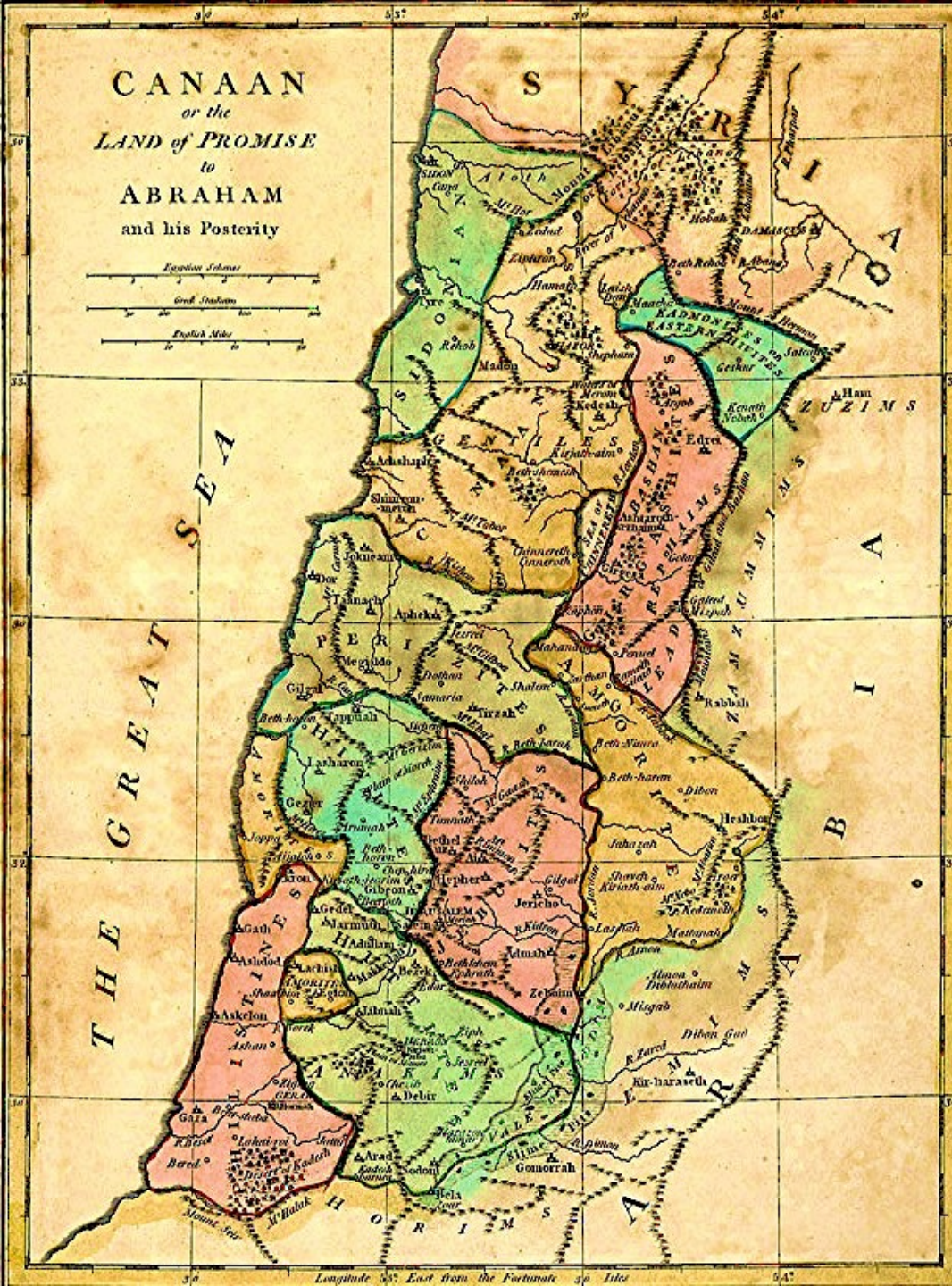


- **Mishpat** = justice, not judgment
- Vs. 3 says “perhaps” will be hidden... no guarantees
- Zephaniah 2:4
- 4 cities of Philistia
- Vs. 4 a “bridge” between vss. 1 - 3 and what comes after 4
- **Ki** = for, used as a conjunction or it means “indeed”



Ancient Philistia = Modern-Day Gaza Strip





- Zephaniah 2:5
- ***K'reti*** = from Caphtor, the Philistines
- Genesis 10:19
- Joshua 13:1 – 4
- The seacoast land the Philistines occupied was part of Canaan
- ALL of Canaan was given to the Hebrews
- God's laws and commands relevant to gentile nations, too

- Palestinians-Gazans attempting to retain parts of Canaan
- Oxymoron that Israel is the “occupiers”
- Much of the Church sides with Palestinians and demands Israel give up the land!
- This puts some of the Church and Europe in confrontation with God
- God says to them: “I will destroy you...”

Territory controlled by

■ The Palestinian Authority
(Area A, full control,
and B, joint control)

■ Israel (Area C)



FROM RUBBLE TO PASTURES



- Zephaniah 2:6 – 7
- Something catastrophic has to happen!
- A coalition with much money will have to rebuild Gaza, OR the people need to leave
- Left as-is, vegetation will overtake it in a few years and become pastureland





- Vs. 6 “YHWH their God will remember... restore their fortunes”
- Zephaniah 2:8
- Deals with Israel's enemies to the East
- Gen. 19 & Deut. 23 put these nations in a negative light
- Balak of Moab asks Balaam to curse Israel for him
- Jordan weak today
- They will join Arabs and attack Israel again

